TUESDAY ..... DECEMBER 8, 187

## LOCAL MATTERS.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Common Council was beack, Brastlman, Bright, Carter, Chris-Marchal Ward, English, Foster, Gilman, Higlenkins, Johnson of Jackson Ward Lauer, Manson, Metzger, Newell, ver, Powers, Pulliam, Purcell, Straus, olt, and Mr. President. The Council was called to order at 5:20 by

Mr. English, and on his motion Mr. Straus was called to the chair.

POLICE-JUSTICE WHITE. A message was received from the Mayor neuncing that he had on the 6th ultime suspended Mr. Joseph J. White from hi flice of Police Justice because of an indictment found against him that day charging him with corruption in office. On the 3d the Mayor revoked the order of Suspension cause of the acquittal of Mr. White, and because be (Mr. Keiley) heard the evidence and was satisfied that the charge was un ognded. Tabled.

THE POLICE-DETECTIVES OF RICHMOND. The President laid before the Council ommunication from the Mayor in response a resolution adopted at the last meeting e Council making certain inquiries in to the police-detectives of the city. Mayor says: "In reply I have the hono orm the Council that the persons actpresent as detectives for the city are dail O'Dwyer and Patrick Woods, the other detectives, William F. Knox and Wren, having been suspended to await ssue of proceedings against them in the stings Court of this city. They are act detailed, and paid, under authority of tion of the City Council passed No ber 11, 1872, in the following words: L'solved, That the Board of Police Com oners be requested to reduce the num directives now employed to four on ere the 1st day of December next, these

detailed from the regular police force. Mayor's communication is dated No-20th. Since that time John Wren in tried and convicted, and William F. has been tried, acquitted, and restored Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Chris

STREETS GENERALLY.

Mr. Curtis, from the Committee on Streets ing and paying Union street from id to Grace street, upon petition of F. C. Brauer: \$100 from the sewer fund to con- thereon. truct a culvert from the public hydrant on that hall street at the Second market to the curring). That relief be granted the followsewer at Fish alley, &c.; rejecting the petidefi-rson streets. Mr. Straus moved to lay the report on thetable. Lost-aves, 9; noes, 18. The resolutions were adopted.

RELIEF OF THE POOR -ALMSHOUSE.

Mr. English, from the Committee on the ef of the Poor, reported that from July which number five (colored) were born in e institution, and 36 transient lodgers-reeved the benefits of this asylum. The verage number of inmates, inclusive of raisient lodgers, &c., was 232. The gross int expended during the five months \$12,958.76, making the cost for the supof the inmates \$55.85. Of this amount 4 851 63 was expended for subsistence. howing the cost of subsistence for each in-Easte to be \$20.91 for five months, or thirteen and two-thirds cents per day. The number inmates at this date is 244-114 white and 150 colored. Amount received from Hento county for board of paupers, &c., \$205.50; from city of Richmond, \$7. Total,

The amount expended on account of outdoor poor from July 1st to November 30th Vas 82,205.80.

The report also shows the amount of cornmeal, fuel, number of coffins, &c., used during the past five months, and the cost to feed the inmates in 1872, '73, and '74. On motion of Mr. Christian, the report was laid on the table.

THE FINANCES OF THE CITY.

Mr. Straus, from the Committee on Fi nance, submitted a report, with accompany ing resolutions 1, 2, and 3, as embodying the use of the committee in regard to the several subjects therein specially mentioned. hev also return to the Common Council following Board joint resolutions, referred to the committee by the Board, with the

Resolved (the Common Council concur ring). That \$2,000 of the eight per cent bonds of the city be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of providseats, gas-lamps, and such other improvements as the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings may deem proper, in Monroe

Resolved (the Common Council concur ring), That \$35,000 of the eight per cent. bonds of the city be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of purchasing ty-five acres of land on Chimborazo Hill

to be used as a public park. in recommending the non-concurrence of Common Council in these resolutions office to add permanently to the city's debt | pass the resolution. in view of the fact that of the twenty-three and was not included in the general rule. acres contained in what is known as Chimbofazo Hill, the seventeen acres lying within from the decision of the Chair. the city limits (with the improvements there-(b) are valued at \$6.800 by the city assess

ment, and the State assessment on the perention of the Council most respectfully, but ost carnestly, to the startling exhibit con- tained-ayes, 11; noes, 12. sent condition of our debt and our re- demanded the ayes and noes.

The assessed value of real estate 11 is true, risen from \$19,344,050 in 1865 \$29,166 979 in 1874, an increase of 50 per out., but our debt has grown in the same Merval from \$1,886,392 to \$4,323,591, an increase of over 129 per cent., until at this time ur interest account alone amounts for the city in the original resolution: "Or so much threat year to \$280,000, or more than 43 thereof as may be necessary, to be ascerent, of the total resources of this city tained by appraisement or legal condemnafrom taxation and licenses.

a condemnation of land on Dock street, which will cost \$20,000; and a new engine with its appearatus and contingent expenses will cost \$10,000 more. To meet these items a new lesse of \$200,000 of bonds will be indispensable, and this will add to our annual debt for interest \$24,000 and for the sinking fund \$3,000, while on bonds previously issued less.

## DAILY DISPATCH.

layer was polverized and closely packed, and then saturated with water before the addition

the next one and thus in successive layers

the embankments were carried up to their

present height. The material round upon

the site makes a very good puddle, and this

process of rolling and wetting makes a more homogeneous and water-tight mass of the

whole embankment, and at great saying in cost, than the old process of puddling with

the spade. By keeping the banks concave

on top, with the middle trench slightly lower

than each side, and selecting the material

in a week of fair weather, and 8,252 feet of

wards the pumps and the city, together with

It was expected that to complete this

work two years would be required from

ast spring, allowing the interruption of two

1.320 feet more delivered on the ground.

thue as long as the weather permits.

pended to finish the work-an increase over

The city owns 63 57-100 acres of land,

vantages to make them so at a comparatively

Mr. Talbott, from the Committee on the

giving permission to the following persons to erect wooden buildings—viz.: L. L. Bass,

No. 15 west Cary street; J. S. Talia-

ferro, west side of Sixteenth street; John

Rankin, an additional story on two houses

north side of Venable street; Fleming Phil-

Morton's garden; Samuel H. James, corner

of Thirty-first and N streets, and Thirtleth

and Thirty-first streets; Mrs. L. B. Stith,

streets; James Gunn, Twelfth and Canal

streets; Cary Jones, M street between Thir-

tieth and Thirty-first streets; C. H. Burton

streets; H. W. Tyler, Williamsburg avenue;

E. Hall, Poplar street, Rocketts; E. Wade,

Cherry between Pine and Laurel streets:

J. F. Wolf, No. 903 Brook avenue ; J. M.

Newell, Twenty-third and M streets; P.

Bear, No. 500 west Broad street; Edward

The committee also report that they have

temporarily appointed Arthur Fuqua com-

mander of the new hose-company, located

on Tenth between Main and Cary streets. .

The report and resolutions were adopted.

The President laid before the Council s

communication from the Mayor returning to

the body without his approval a joint reso-

lution providing for the erection of a large

number of wooden buildings in various

parts of the city. The first of these permits

is for the erection of such a structure by

Paul Wigand on the alley on his lot corner

Before this resolution was communicated

to the Mayor he received a protest against

the construction of this house signed by

sufficient proportion of the owners of the

ground included in the square on which it is

proposed to erect it to have constrained the

Council to refuse the prayer under section

tion, the Mayor says he felt bound to inter-

pose by veto, that they may have the oppor-

As the charter does not provide for a

qualified or partial veto, the Mayor says he

is compelled to refuse his signature to the

entire resolution in order to effect this pur-

joint resolution, says the Mayor, may be

amended by the omission of this grant, if the

Council so please, and passed over this veto,

thereby securing the leave to build in all the

The question being taken the resolution

Mr. Higgins moved to reconsider. Agreed

The objectionable privilege was then re-

committed to the Fire Committee, on motion

of Mr. Carter, and the resolution as amended

Mr. Oliver, from the Committee on Elec-

tions, reported additional bills amounting to

Mr. Davis of Madison Ward, from the

Committee on Claims and Salaries, reported

In relation to that portion of the report re

commending the rejection of the bill of P. T.

CEMETERIES.

teries, presented a resolution appropriating

the unexpended balance to the credit of the

THE FROM THE COARD OF ALDERMEN.

Board joint resolution for the appointment

Mr. Manson, from the Committee on Ceme

CLAIMS AND SALARIES.

CHIE SELECTION EXPENSES.

was passed over the veto of the Mayor.

remaining cases.

ection is made to the other permits. The

of Clay and Graham streets.

Allen. - street.

lips, between Main and Cary streets near

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RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8, 1874---WITH SUPPLEMENT. VOL. XLVI.

at han.

for the sinking fund. Our estimate last sented. year for interest was \$265,636. For pext year it will be, as the tables furnished show, \$15,000 more. Add to this the several items above and we have \$45,235 added to our permanent annual debt.

I beg to call attention to two further facts, of no little importance in considering the sessment of real estate in this city is already notoriously excessive. The Finance Comnotoriously excessive. The Finance Committee is constantly invoked to correct exorbitant estimates, and is bound in many cases
to admit the palpable justice of the claim.
The second is that over nine thousand reWard, Jensins, Lauer, Manson, Parcell, and

gistered voters in this city do not contribute in the aggregate one cent to the treasury. d vesterday afternoon in the Council The tax payers number some five of six as amended had been adopted. Present at the roll-call: Messrs. pay nothing but the poll-tax, so that the bur-Curtis, Davis of Madison Ward, Davis of dens of this city are borne by forty-five hundred people.

Already these citizens contribute a million of dollars per annum, and with the present ordinary and indispensable expenses it requires the utmost economy to keep our outlay within these bounds. If the Council is resolved to launch out now into new and extraordinary expenditure, let it be done with the full knowledge that this can only be by raising the rate of taxation. Those who propose new drafts on the public treasury must understand that they are voting to add new taxes on the people. They are deliberately proposing, at a moment when every industry is paralyzed, when our streets are filled a distributing reservoir near the city will rewith idle men, when rents are declining, when all business is dull, when the cry of "bard times" reaches us from every quarter, to extort thousands of dollars from the strained tax-payers of the city for purposes which cannot be regarded as indispensable,

The rate of taxation may be raised; if the Council is resolved on launching out into new schemes it Must be raised; but the committee respectfully protests that the responsibility for loading the people with bese new burdens must fall on those who, in these days of financial distress, propose these schemes.

From our debt there is no escape, States may laugh at their creditors, but cities cannot. The law arms the municipal bondholder with ample authority to enforce his just demands, and no bondholders are more secure than ours; for the reason that the entire assets of the city, estimated at \$3,000, 000, besides forty million dollars of property, stand pledged for their debt; and the Council, if it should so far forget its duty as to fail to provide for them, would soon find itself constrained by a mandate it could not evade or resist to Tulfil its obligations. It is the very certainty that all our debts must be met, and in large degree must be met as they arise, that should keep constantly beus the necessity of economy. I conclude by again reminding the Council that the question is not whether this or that project is desirable, but whether the Council will order the Finance Committee to raise the rate of taxation for 1875.

1. Resolved by the Common Council, That nerally, submitted a report embodying re- the following petitions be and the same are hops which appropriate from the sewer bereby rejected—to-wit; Of T. F. Hum-phreys, administrator of T. B. Humphreys, on Hickory street between Cabell and for reduction of assessment and tax on prolin streets; \$280 from the street fund perty No. 620 Broad street; of George C. ave a granite gutter on the northern line Vanderslice, for reduction of assessment and of Cary street from Twenty-second to Twen- tax on property on west Main street between urth streets; \$1,260 from the street fund | Laurel and Cherry streets; and of A. W. ilcox and P. Keenan, proprietors of the State Journal, for reduction of assessment 2. Resolved (the Board of Aldermen con-

ing petitioners in the matters stated, respection of John F. Lacy and others for a brick tively-to wit: To James Govan's heirs rewalkway on Cary street between Adams and lease from payment of \$58.87, penalty on capacity at the present rate of consumpdelinquent taxes of 1870, 1872, 1873, and tion of 3,000,000 gallons per day. As the 1874, on property on Rocketts and Lester streets for many years a subject of litigation; to David Giltinan, of Philadelphia, release from payment of \$59.29, penalty on delin-quent taxes for the years 1867 to 1873, inclusive, on certain property in Rocketts, his agents here having failed to pay the said taxes though furnished with funds to do so by said Giltinan ; to John Abern, substituted trustee for Harriet B. Clarke and children, release from payment of \$59.05, penalty ou delinquent taxes for the years 1867 to 1874, inclusive, on property on Jackson street; to Thomes T. Giles a remission of \$24 from the amount of tax-bill of 1874 on four acres of land in the parcel known as Chimborazo; and to William H. Perot, trustee of the Old Dominion Steam Sugar Refinery, a reduction of assessment for the ensuing year 1875 of \$10,000 on the machinery on Seventeenth street, and of \$9,000 on the machinery on Dock street.

3. Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That William Gardener, an invalid ex-policeman, be, and he is hereby, allowed ference with the extension of the streets the sum of thirty dollars per month for November and December, 1874, to be paid out of the appropriation to pensioners.

Upon the question of rejecting the resolution of the Board of Aldermen appropria- in or close to the corporate limits. ting \$35,000 for the purchase of thirty-five acres of land on Church Hill for a park a discussion arose,

Messrs. Talbott and Curtis hoped that the resolution of the Board would be adopted and the Finance Committee's report reject-

Messrs. Straus, Christian, and Jenkins spoke in favor of the rejection of the appropriation. Mr. Jenkins didn't think that all the land spoken of about Chimborazo was worth

Mr. Davis of Marshall Ward said he was not a tickling man, so far as men were concerned, but if Mr. Straus was not present he would say a good deal about his excellent along the river for some distance from the

financiering. He would say, however, that from Mr. Straus's report one would suppose that the city is so poor that she is not able to buy this land. He knew that he was a good inancier-the best south of New York. He hoped, as an act of justice so the East End, that the appropriation would be made as it came from the Board. Mr. Taibott moved to lay the finance re

port on the table. Agreed to.

The vote was about to be taken on the resolution for appropriating \$35,000 in bonds of the city for the park as it came from the Board of Aldermen, when the Chair ruled tions following: It seemed unwise and im- that a two-thirds vote would be necessary to

Mr. Taloott contended that the rule of the Fored in the first resolution; and the sum Council did not, contemplate any such mentioned in the second seemed excessive, thing; that this was an original proposition, Mr. Davis of Marshall Ward appealed

A lively and excited discussion arose. Mr. Talbott thought that the ruling of the Chair was ridiculous, but declared, when his attention, was called to the remark, that he

meant nothing discourteous. The decision of the Chair was not sus-The question was then upon the resolution

ore the Council, showing the growth and as it came from the Board, and Mr. Talbott Mr. Manson made a very strong speech in

opposition to the appropriation. Mr. Talbott favored the appropriation. Mr. Johnson (Mr. Straus vin the chair) proposed to amend the resolution by adding the following, to come in after the word

completion. We have been carrying for decision of the Chair had not been sustained. some time a floating debt of \$62,250, which Mr. Johnson consented to withdraw his

tion, and the residue may be used for im-

Mr. Tower moved to amend the amendment so as to appropriate \$20,000, or so much as may be necessary, for the purchase of the thirty-five acres of land by appraise-

ment or condemnation.

Mr. Tower's amendment was adopted. The question was then upon the resolufinancial condition. The first is that the as- tion as amended, and being taken, the vote stood as follows: . SHAHTOHE ALDYS

Offer, and \$1 per y

The Chair approunced that the resolution amended had been adopted, two-thirds The rest of the report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

THE NEW RESERVOIR-ITS COST, ETC. Mr. English, from the Committee on Water, submitted a lengthy report, prepared by the City Engineer (Colonel Cutshaw), in response to a request made at a recent meeting of the Council in reference to the new reservoir, its'cost, &c. After introducing the subject appropriately Colonel Cutshaw goes back to the time when the question of increasing the water-supply was first agitated, and says that the plan of bringing water by conduits from a point on the James river at such an elevation as to supply by gravitation and the progress already made is very satisquire a line of pipes or other kind of conthit over seventy miles in extent; and to go from June 11 to November 19, when work to points on the streams forming the head-wa- was stopped from the appearance of frost in ters of the Pamunkey, and there form large the banks, agent bron storage reservoirs to collect enough water at sufficient elevation to bring it in the same way to the city, will require a line of condust from twenty-five to thirty miles in length. A little reflection must convince every intelligent man that neither of these pipe have been laid from the reservoir toplans are practicable to our city for many years to come, and that the present system of pumping from the river near the distributing reservoir is the best and most eco-

nomical one that can be adopted. The extension of the nump-works was winters; but everything having progressed therefore a necessity, which has been met so well, and being now arranged to resume and provided for by the construction of new work immediately upon the opening of the pumps at the old works; and although a spring, with no unusual delays we may exmile locks, would have been, perhaps, the and look forward to pumping water into the best position for these new pumps, to change reservoir by the time winter sets in well. all the pumps to this new site will not be dif. The only work now going on is in laying figuit when an extension shall again become pipes towards the pumps, and this will con-

necessary. The introduction of new pumps recently The approximate estimate for the work completed gives, with the others, a full according to the plan now carried out was pumping capacity of nearly double the con- \$298,811.20, exclusive of the purchase of sumption; and until the consumption equals land. The work has so far cost \$184,760.57, their capacity of supply we have provision and of this about \$50,000 have been exfor rest to parts of the works, which, in the pended in the purchase of land and in work emergency of accidents, will permit repairs not originally estimated for. It will take to be made without risking a constant and \$286,000 besides the amount already ex-

A new reservoir at sufficient elevation has the original estimate rendered necessary become necessary to give storage enough to principally from changes after the exact lo meet the ordinary demands of all parts of the cation had been decided upon. city should the condition of the river or the stoppage of machinery prevent the supply of with 11 72-100 acres covered by the reserwater, but to be especially secure against voir; and if it be expedient when this work sudden and destructive configrations we is finished to improve the grounds around it need a storage capacity largely in excess of we shall have both natural and artificial adthese ordinary demands for water.

A capacity of 80,000,000 gallons was re- small cost. commended for the new reservoir in the belief that this would be sufficient for a popula- was tabled and ordered to be printed. tion during a period within which the work would have realized the outlay in its construction. It was decided, however, to Fire Department, reported joint resolutions limit the size of the reservoir to one of 40,000,000 gallons, making, with the old one, about a two weeks' storage consumption increases of course the storage supply is diminished, and this will be re duced to about a week's supply when our population shall have doubled itself. It is o be regretted that the larger size was not! adopted, for we shall be compelled to add Twenty-ninth between Clay and Leigh another reservoir within the next twenty years. Imperfect arrangements in its construction, as well as greater cost, precluded the idea of building upon the old St. James between Charity and Federal reservoir to accomplish what we needed. and it was therefore necessary to look elsewhere for a site. Surveys of several sites were made, and this new one was selected as the best under all circumstances, notwithstanding the additional cost of increased pipe-lines rendered necessary to connect it with the pumps and the mains already laid

in the city. A reservoir near the old one requires such an increase in the height of embankments as to make its cost greatly in excess of one on the new site with its high natural eleva tion; and when by such a location an inter of the city is considered, together with its circumscribed position for future additions to the work, it would be short-sighted in the extreme to think of putting this work with-

A wise foresight has been shown by the Committee on Water in thus se lecting an excellent position for the Its advantage of elevation, givwork. ing it when completed a surface of water when full of thirty-seven feet above the highest water-surface of the old reservoir. must appeal with great force to those of our citizens who are now deprived of a supply houses. Besides higher elevation, the post- 95 of the charter had your body been adtion of this reservoir with reference to an vised of it; and as the signers profess to extension or change of the pump-works is have been taken by surprise in the applicaone better located, considering its distance from the pumps and saving in the difference of their lift, than at any point to be found tunity to present their objection.

With this reservoir complete we shall have tail of pipe distribution what has been but pose, although, so far as he is advised, no obpartially considered before; that is, we can divide the city into three districts, and have a high service, a middle service, and a low service, giving a better flow of water to each

from the two reservoirs. The pump-main now being laid from near the old reservoir to the new one will in time become a supply-main from the new reservoir to the old one; and instead of ultimately becoming a loss to the city, its location is a piece of practical economy which must comnend itself to every one who looks to the

uture of our water-supply. The plan adopted for this work is a rectangular-shaped basin, to be formed by earth mbankments raised to a height of twenty four feet above the natural ground, and di \$29, which were ordered to be paid. vided into two equal compartments by a division embankment joining the middle of the two longer sides. Below the natural interior surface the basin is to be deepened a little to form a settling space for mud and other bills amounting to \$106.95; which were ormpurities, and a drain-pipe from each will dered to be paid. enable the compartments to be separately drained and cleaned without stopping the supply of water. At the junction of the di-Moore, amounting to \$475, for services as vision embankment with the sides there will sergeant, Mr. Metzger moved to recommit. be two chambers built of stone, and through Agreed to. them, by means of pipes passing under the embankments, the water will be let into and drawn from the compartments of the reservoir at will. The interior slopes and bottom of this basin will be lined with bricks committee to the improvement of the road laid in hydraulic mortar. On the outside the to Oakwood cemetery; which was passed slopes are to be souded and the top of the under a suspension of the rules. squall on embankment will be covered with gravel. The valves or stop-cocks which shut off the water either to the reservoir or to the city are outside near the embankments, and of a special joint committee on the Mayor's banks and ornamenting the work.

Early in the spring, after marking out the young carrying out certain recommendations of the men carrying out certain recommendations into a dam, with the addition of May puddle ence to the Grace-street improvement, with west Leigh street, Richmond, Va.

during the year \$3,235 will be required | Mr. Johnson's amendment was again pre- | rendered necessary in forming a pond near | Board of Aldermen amendment, was taken up and agreed to. The amendment provides By the 11th of June the site was suffi-ciently prepared and other arrangements made to start the embankments, which were that the grade of Grace street between First morning the pastor read the service and and Second streets shall be restored as it formerly stood, at the expense of Mr. James sixted by Rev. Dr. Walk of St. John's church, and Second streets shall be restored as it formerly stood, at the expense of Mr. James commenced by cutting a broad longitudinal Thomas. PRESENT AND RESIDENCE trench in the middle and steps or benches

HIT SHATO VACABOY PILLED, 1 100 T across the base, on which the banks were to On motion of Mr. Darts, the Council went rest. Upon the base as thus prepared and into an election to fill the vacancy in the welted to make a proper connection between Council occasionet by the resignation of Mr. the banks and the natural ground, thin layers of clay, taken from the interior of the D. N. Walker, our result of the religion Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Isaac Davezpout site, were carefully spread and rolled with heavy corrugated rollers. In this way each

Ir., and he was unanimously elected. - MOTTONS, ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, CC. 10 90 By Mr. Straus: A resolution authorizing additional insurance upon the chyphina-

By same : A communication from Judge Guigon calling attention to the deplorable condition of the functics confined in the city jall, urging action, &c. On metion of Mr. Straus, the subject was referred to the Com mittee on Grounds and Buildings with the request to report at once.

By Mr. Davis, of Marshall Ward: Petiion for the erection of a gas lamp at corner of Twesty-sixth and M streets. Referred.

with more care for this middle part and the By Mr. Higgins: A resolution calling for uside half, we have accomplished in the way report from the Committee ou Streets in of a puddle-wall in the bank all that a soft eference to Shockor creek. Agreed to. The excellence of this site, with its ad-By Mr. Davis of Marshall Ward : A comunication asking the transfer of certain vantages generally of having everything in funds to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Pire Alarm and Police Telegraph, on account of unexpected expenses. Behand, has enabled us to push this work as factory. Work upon the embaukments proferred. On motion of Mr. Curtis, the profile per has occupied in all about five months.

St. James street and accompanying resolu-tions involving an excavation of 24 feet depth at Baker street, 5 feet at Federal street The work may be said to be half finished be feet at Coutts street, and of 5 feet at Hil street, or a total excavation of 114731 cubic for the embankments are nearly half comyards, were taken up. Mr. Straus asked whether the Street Completed. The influent and effluent chambers, with their gates and fixtures, can be thished

mittee had any money with which to do this

The resolutions and profile were adopted Adjourned at 9:50.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC AC ounts .- The annual report of Mr. W. F. Caylor, the Auditor of Public Accounts, has just been made public. The Auditor considers it impossible to estimate what amount of revenue will be realized from the present tax-bill. He thinks the expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending September, 1875, will be \$1,289,747.50—in-terest on the public debt not included. To pay four per cent interest on the \$30,000,-000, and to provide at that rate for interest already due, will take \$2,091,549.90, which, added to governmental expenses, will make a total of \$8,381,297:40; of which total \$245,-458 28 have already been paid. The Auditor believes the practice of extending the time to collecting officers essentially wrong. The time for paying taxes into the Tressury should be fixed, and the penalties of law rigidly enforced in cases of default. The currency scheme of Treasurer Hunter is commended to the attention of the General Assembly. Mr. Taylor says "the beauty of the system consists primarily in its sim-plicity." He again calls attention to the matter of taxation in certain cases by the use of stamps. The act relating to oysters passed at the last session has had no such trial as will show what amount of revenue can be derived from it. The Auditor On motion of Mr. Christian the report submits to the General Assembly whether Paul's Church Home; and by J. P. Taylor to the three last-named institutions, and by Mrs. Deane to the Female Humane Asso ciation, are liable to the tax on collateral inheritances. The reassessment bill proposed last year is urged as a good one. The death of Mr. Joseph Jackson and the appointment in his stead of Colonel George W. Munford are announced in suitable terms.

MAIL-ROBBER ARRESTED-THE CRIME CON-FESSED AND THE PRISONER SENT ON FOR IN-DICTMENT. - Special Agent E. R. Petherbridge and Mr. Eugene Lewis, of the Postoffice Department, arrived in this city yes terday afternoon, having in eustody William C. Bristow, who is charged with robbing the United States mails. Bristow is the mail rider and contractor on the route from Tap pabannock to Gloucester Courthouse. robberies committed have extended through several months past, and a large number of letters containing money have been lost. Bristow left Tappahannock with the mail on Saturday morning, and upon arriving at Centre Cross, where he was apprehended, the registered letters which he had taken along with him were found broken open and their contents transferred to his pockets. A lot of implements used in opening

the letters and a key to the mail-bags were also found upon bim. Bristow was carried before United States Commissioner Atkins yesterday evening, when he waived an examination, and was sent on to the grand jury of the United States Circuit Court which meets in Alexandria on the 1st Monday in January next. He was committed to jail.

Bristow confesses his guilt, and says he in tends to make no defence.

INDICTMENTS BY THE GRAND JURY .- The grand jury of the Hustings Court, consisting of Messrs. Henry K, Ellyson (foreman). George S. Palmer, Albert Ordway, Nathanie C. Lipscomb, George K. Crutchfield, Sr. William English, Lysander W. Rose, Samue Maccubbin, Thomas W. Tignor, and Alexander Hierholzer, yesterday found forty true

bills, as follows : For Felonies ; Paul Morono, for violating Josephine Laterzo; J. Boujasson, for murdering F. S. Gloor; William Quirk, Danie Cary, and C. Hart, for beating and wounding Maurice Griffin; Carter Fleming, for stealing \$55 from L. Bernichi and Luigi Cola John Williams, for entering and robbing th house of Julian Binford; Lucie Green, for stealing a watch of the value of \$75, the property of Mr. R. A. Saunders; Samuel H. Coles, for stealing a horse of the value of \$125, the property of Mr. Thomas Duke. For Misdemeanors : John Alexander, permitting an unlawful and unlicensed game with cards; Margaret Booker, for unlawfully associating with Charles Waddill; F. G. Mott, for offering for sale goods without baving a license so to do; J. W. Cadby, Sol. Rice, C. A. Simmons, and E. C. Grachwoke, for same offence; Joshua Britton, for permitting gambling and loose conduct in his house (2); Alick Richardson, stealing coal from C. H. Page (2); Peter Morris, stealing coal from C. H. Page; N. Haynes, stealing a heifer of the value of twenty dollars, property of C. Gerhardt Charles Williams, permitting gaming in his house of entertainment; Mollie Flippin, for unlawful association with George Thompon; George Thompson, for same offence with Mollie Flippin; Charles Waddill, for unlawful association with Margaret Booker Casar Seaton, for keeping the game of ing a disorderly house ; Cornelius Miller, for stealing coal from C. H. Page; Philus Blunt Silas Braxton, Samuel Sutton, George W Land, Fannie Winston, John Martin, Ezra Carter, Peter Anderson, Archer Harris, Robert Ellett, and Robert Jackson, each for betting and playing at chuck-n-luck.

The grand jury will meet again tomorrow morning.

HOLMAN'S OPERA COMPANY .- Holman's Opera Company are engaged to appear at BIOHARDSON & CO., 4 P. M. frame dwelling on Let us now look for a moment at the finan-cial problem which meets us with the in-cial problem which meets us with the in-coming year. It is already known that the free-group will require \$200,000 more for its move to reconsider the vote by which the free-group will require \$200,000 more for its move to reconsider the vote by which the free-group will require \$200,000 more for its move to reconsider the vote by which the free-group will require \$200,000 more for its move to reconsider the vote by which the free-group will require \$200,000 more for its move to reconsider the vote by which the free-group will require \$200,000 more for its move to reconsider the vote by which the hanks and ornamenting the work. des used in ascending the Mayor Kelley having been first added to the day, and Saturday evenings. Barbe Bleue, GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 4 P. M., cottage on the UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE

RICHMOND POST-OFFICE DECEMBER 7, 1874.

CHURCH MOTES At the Monumental church on Sunday read the service, and Bev. Mr. Green

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At St. Paul's church in the morning the At St. Paul's church in the morning the pastor read the service and preached. Bey. Dallas Tucker, of Christ church, assisted in the administration of the boly communion. At the Pine Street Baptast church is the morning there were two professions of conversion dwo received for baptism, and six received into the full fellowship of the MEMBERS OF OLD DOMIN. church, At night one professed conversion and two were baptized—making twentysix in tall during the meeting, which has closed, and during which the pastor (Hev. J. B. Hutson) did all of the preaching At the Seventh-Street Christian church

the postor baptized one candidate after preaching on Sunday morning.

At the Clay-Street Methodist church on Sunday Rev. D.P. Wills, presiding elder, reached, and received four persons by cer-At the regular weekly meeting of the

Methodist ministers of the city and Manchester, beld on Sunday morning at the Broad-Street Methodist church, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., president; Rev. J. C. Granbery, D. D., vice-president; Rev. J. C. Vanderslise, secretary. In the Catholic churches Sunday (the se cond Sunday in Advent) there was nothing of an unusual character except the announce ment that to-day (Tuesday), being the festival of the Immaculate Conception, would be observed as a boliday of obligation, and that services would be held in all the churches as on Sundays This festival, having been se lected by the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union at its last annual convention, in Baltimore, as the national holiday of the Union the men bers of the Catholic Beneficial Society of this

city have decided to attend the early morning services at St. Peter's cathedral. At the Third Presbyterian church the pastor preached in the morning and at night. The morning services were particularly interesting, the congregation filling the house to overflowing. Ten persons made public profession of their faith and were received into the full communion of the church, four of whom were baptized. Three members were received by certificate. Four infants were presented by their parents for baptism. The regular monthly meeting of the (colored) Baptist Sunday School Union was held Sunday afternoon at Ebenezer church. After the usual religious services the reports from the schools were read; Rev. W. W. Colley, being invited, addressed the Union in behalf of foreign missions. It was then decided to hold the January meeting at the First Baptist church. After appro priate exercises the meeting adjourned. The

following shows the monthly averages: Schools, Scholars, O. and T. Kifth (Sidney)..... Rifth (Sidney) 60 Shiloh 18 Sixth (Risting Mount Zion) 61 Seventh (Rocktts) 39 16

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Moulton, Windham county; Miss Sarah E.
Lawson, care of Professor B. 8, Lawson, M.
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4a 8-dtd Grand Recorder.

MA JON LOBGE, No. & R. of P., will attend a stated meeting at Pythian Castles Hall, corner of Main and Eleventh streets. THIS (Tuesday) EVENING at half-pink 7 d'cock. Members of sister lodges are framemany friving to attend. By order of the Chance of the lor Commander. 1917 v. S. McG. Pichiak. de 8-11 K. of R. and 8.

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